

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request this Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

FIG. 5A is a top view and FIG. 5B is a cross-sectional view through line 5B-5B of FIG. 5A of a ~~[[first]]~~ first element of the space transformer according to the present invention. In FIGs. 5A and 5B a power conductor 205 includes a multiplicity of through-holes 210A and 210B arranged in the same pattern and to the same pitch as through-holes 130 of FIG. 2A except there is no through-hole 210A or 210B in any position corresponding to a chip contact of the integrated circuit chip that carries ground. Power conductor 205 includes an inner region 215 (which includes through-holes 210A and 210B) and tabs 220. Tabs 220 include through holes 225 sized to make physical and electrical contact to assembly screws (or other fasteners) as illustrated in FIG. 6B and described *infra*. In one example, through-holes 210A have a diameter D1 of about 0.0055 to 0.0065 inches and allow insulated/un-insulated pins/wires to pass through without electrical contact and through holes 210B have a diameter D2 of about 0.0055 to engage ground pins (see FIG. 6B) having an upper portion with a diameter of about 0.005 inches and a lower portion with a diameter of about 0.006 inches, which lower portion physically and electrically engages through holes 210B. In one example, power conductor 205 has a thickness T4 of about 0.030 inches. Power conductor 205 is fabricated from a conductive material. In one example, power conductor 205 is fabricated from a metal such as copper or aluminum. Power

conductor 205 is (conventionally) electrically connected to a power terminal of a power supply.

Through holes 225 align with through holes 110B and 110D of FIG. 1A during assembly.